

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA
DECEMBER 23, 2009**

A meeting of the Common Council of the City of Jasper, Indiana, was held on Wednesday, December 23, 2009, in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 610 Main Street, Jasper, Indiana.

Call to Order. Presiding Officer Mayor William J. Schmitt called the meeting to order at 12:00 noon.

Roll Call.

Mayor William J. Schmitt	Present
Council members:	
John Schroeder	Present
David Prectel	Present
Thomas Schmidt	Present
Ambrose 'Butch' Schitter	Present
Kevin Manley	Present
Randall Buchta	Present
Raymond Howard	Present
City Attorney Sandra Hemmerlein	Present
Clerk-Treasurer Juanita S. Boehm	Present

Clerk-Treasurer Juanita Boehm announced that in order to have a quorum for the meeting, a majority of the council members must be in attendance. All council members were in attendance; therefore, there was a quorum for the meeting.

Approval of the Minutes:

The following minutes were distributed to and examined by the Council:

1. November 18, 2009 regular Common Council meeting

A **motion** was made by Council member Ambrose 'Butch' Schitter and seconded by Council member Kevin Manley to approve the minutes as published. Motion carried 7-0.

Rezone/Ordinance No. 2009-36. Mayor Schmitt said the Council needs to consider the proposal from Kenneth E. Heim, Rose Mehringer and Maria Martinez to rezone property at 2408, 2402, and 2414 Newton Street from R-3 residential to B-3 business.

A **motion** was made by Council member Ambrose 'Butch' Schitter and seconded by Council member John Schroeder to accept the proposal to rezone the property and adopt the rezoning ordinance for such property and reference it Ordinance No. 2009-36. Motion carried 7-0.

Utility Service Board. General Manager of Utilities Gerald 'Bud' Hauersperger gave a report on the regular monthly Utility Service Board meeting held on December 21, 2009. Copies of the minutes are supplied to each council member.

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-7 A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA ADOPTING A WRITTEN FISCAL PLAN AND ESTABLISHING A POLICY FOR THE PROVISION OF SERVICES TO AN ANNEXED AREA (Kerstiens-Kluemper Area)

A motion was made by Council member David Prechtel, seconded by Council member Ray Howard and approved 7-0 to read the resolution for one reading only. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Randy Buchta, seconded by Council member Ambrose 'Butch' Schitter and approved 7-0 to have the resolution read by title only. The resolution was so read. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Thomas Schmidt, seconded by Council member Kevin Manley and approved 7-0 to pass and adopt Resolution No. 2009-7. Under discussion, Financial Coordinator Sharon Sander gave a brief overview of the fiscal plan.

ORDINANCE NO. 2009-37 AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING CERTAIN ADJACENT AND CONTIGUOUS TERRITORY INTO THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA (Kerstiens-Kluemper Area)

This ordinance annexes 21.34 acres located west of Kluemper Road between Red Oak Estates and Shalubo Acres.

A motion was made by Council member John Schroeder and seconded by Council member David Prechtel to read the ordinance by title only on first reading. Motion carried 7-0. The ordinance was so read. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Ambrose 'Butch' Schitter and seconded by Council member Kevin Manley to approve the ordinance on first reading. Motion carried 7-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 2009-38 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 4(2) OF ORDINANCE NO. 546, ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR A UNIFORM CODE FOR TRAFFIC UPON THE PUBLIC STREETS OF THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA – PARKING PROHIBITED ON CERTAIN DESIGNATED STREETS

This ordinance prohibits parking on the south side of 15th Street a certain distance east and west of Cherry Street.

A motion was made by Council member Kevin Manley and seconded by Council member Thomas Schmidt to consider the ordinance for one reading only. Motion carried 7-0. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Randy Buchta and seconded by Council member Ray Howard to have the ordinance read by title only. Motion carried 7-0. The ordinance was so read. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Kevin Manley and seconded by Council member Ambrose 'Butch' Schitter to pass and adopt Ordinance No. 2009-38. Motion carried 7-0.

Under discussion, City Attorney Sandra Hemmerlein said the amendment to the ordinance was recommended by the Board of Public Works and Safety and was brought to their attention by a representative from Kimball. City Engineer Chad Hurm showed a map of the 15th and Cherry Street area and said there is a line of sight issue when cars are parked near that intersection.

Meeting with the Library Board. City Attorney Sandra Hemmerlein said she has been in touch with Attorney Bill Shaneyfelt and the Library Board is proposing the joint meeting be held on Thursday, January 7, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. at the library. The backup date is February 4th. After some discussion the Council suggested starting the meeting at 4:00 or 4:30 p.m. on January 7th.

Board Appointments for 2010. Mayor Schmitt said the Council needs to make two appointments to the Jasper Community Arts Commission effective January 1, 2010.

Thereafter, a **motion** was made by Council member Dave Prechtel and seconded by Council member Thomas Schmidt to appoint Michael Jones and Sherry Monesmith to the Jasper Community Arts Commission. Motion carried 7-0.

Appointments by Mayor Schmitt

Art Nordhoff	Dubois County Museum Board
Bob Ruckreigel	Dubois County Tourism Commission
Jackie Bolton	Dubois County Tourism Commission
Dave Seger	Hospital Authority of the City of Jasper
Roger Seger	Jasper City Park & Recreation Board
Matthias Hilger	Jasper Partnership Commission
Bob Dilger	Jasper Partnership Commission
Raymie Eckerle	Jasper Partnership Commission
Tim Bell	Jasper City Plan Commission
Brad Schnarr	Jasper City Plan Commission
Cindy Laake	Jasper City Plan Commission
Raymie Eckerle	Storm Water Management Board
Ken Sendelweck	Utility Service Board
Brad Schnarr	Advisory Board of Zoning Appeals
Ray Howard	Gas Utility Sub-Committee
Butch Schitter	Electric Utility Sub-Committee
John Schroeder	Wastewater Utility Sub-Committee
Kevin Manley	Water Utility Sub-Committee
David Prechtel	Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission

Appointments by Jasper Park & Recreation Board

Gary Moeller	Jasper Community Arts Commission
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Appointment by Greater Jasper Consolidated School Board

Mickey Seger	Jasper Community Arts Commission
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Request to lower speed limit on St Charles Street. Mayor Schmitt said some St. Charles Street residents appeared before the Board of Public Works and Safety

and asked them to lower the speed limit along St. Charles Street between Schuetter Road and 36th Street. That Board is going to address that issue by other means. Schmitt asked if there is a feeling from the Council to address this issue.

Council member Kevin Manley reported that twenty-six of the twenty-seven residents that live along St. Charles Street signed a petition wanting the speed limit changed from 30 mph to 25 mph. He then reviewed the concerns and reasons why the residents want the speed limit lowered.

City Engineer Chad Hurm said a series of traffic studies were done for that area in 2006 and 2009. Hurm then summarized the results of those studies.

Council member Ambrose 'Butch' Schitter said he thought St. Charles Street was built to clear some of the traffic from Newton Street. After the speed signs and markings have been there awhile, then do another study and review the results before we do anything else. Mayor Schmitt said the markings will have the speed so the speed limit needs to be determined before the markings are melted onto the asphalt.

Council member John Schroeder said the speed limit for several corridors including this area was previously discussed quite heavily. He suggested letting the speed limit go and see if the awareness devices work.

Council member Randy Buchta said the public comments he is hearing is to keep it at 30 mph.

Council member Thomas Schmidt said the calls he received said to keep the speed limit at 30 mph. The road was there before they built their homes so they knew that type of street was there.

Comprehensive Plan Update. Council member David Prechtel said Kevin Senninger gave a comprehensive plan update at the last meeting. The next public hearing is set for Tuesday, January 19, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. at the Habig Center. Mayor Schmitt felt a lot of input is needed at this meeting.

Adjournment. There being no further business to come before the board, a **motion** was made by Council member Thomas Schmidt and seconded by Council member Randy Buchta to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 7-0 and the meeting adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

The minutes were hereby approved ____ with X without correction of clarification this 20th day of January, 2010.

Mayor William J. Schmitt
Presiding Officer

Attest:

Juanita S. Boehm, Clerk-Treasurer

Margaret A. Kress, Recording Secretary